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Office Action Summary	Application No. 10/688,543	Applicant(s) ADAMS ET AL.	
	Examiner Viet Vu	Art Unit 2154	

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 30 June 2008.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☐ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-24 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-5 and 9-24 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☒ Claim(s) 6-8 is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413) |
| 2) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) | Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____ |
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Art Rejections:

1. The text of 35 USC 103(a) not cited here can be found in previous office action.

2. Claims 1-5 and 9-24 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Dalia et al, U.S. pat. Appl. Pub. No. 2003/0225837.

Per claims 1-5, Dalia discloses a method of selecting messaging settings on a messaging client comprising the steps of:

a) providing an interface for composing an outgoing message, wherein the interface comprises a message portion and a messaging settings portion (see par. 35-37); and

b) receiving from the messaging settings portions a messaging setting associated with the outgoing message being composed in the provided message composition interface; wherein more than one type of encryption scheme is available and displayed within the messaging settings portion (see par. 28-32 and 38-39).

Dalia does not explicitly show a specific message composing interface. Dalia however teaches that any conventional email client interface can be used (see par. 35).

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It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to utilize any conventional email client as message composing interface because it would have enabled practicing Dalia's invention (see par. 35).

Per claim 9, Dalia teaches enabling overriding default security setting for specific message, i.e., the overriding setting won't be applied to subsequent messages (see par. 41).

Per claim 10-14, Dalia's teachings encompass all claim limitations.

Per claims 15-24, it would have been further obvious to one skilled in the art that Dalia's teachings would have been applicable to any conventional client devices including portable and/or wireless capable devices.

Allowable Subject Matter:

3. Claims 6-8 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

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Conclusion:

4. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Viet Vu whose telephone number is 571-272-3977. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday through Friday from 7:00am to 4:00pm. The Group general information number is 571-272-2100. The Group fax number is 571-273-8300.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Nathan Flynn, can be reached on 571-272-1915.

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/Viet Vu/
Primary Examiner, Art Unit 2154
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